



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Hydrocephalus, derived from the Greek words "hydro," meaning water, and "cephalus," meaning head, is a condition in which the primary characteristic is an excessive accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid in the brain, resulting in the abnormal widening of ventricles. This creates harmful pressure on the tissues of the brain and may be fatal if untreated; and
- WHEREAS: Experts estimate that hydrocephalus affects more than one million Americans. Hydrocephalus is estimated to occur in 1.5 of every 1,000 live births and affects an estimated 700,000 older Americans; and
- WHEREAS: There are two primary types of hydrocephalus: congenital hydrocephalus, which is present at birth and may be caused by events or influences present during fetal development, and acquired hydrocephalus, which develops at birth or sometime afterward and may be caused by injury or disease; and
- WHEREAS: There is currently no cure for hydrocephalus and treatment options require brain surgery; and
- WHEREAS: Individuals affected by hydrocephalus should be aware that the condition poses risks to both cognitive and physical development and often requires repeated brain surgeries over a lifetime. However, early diagnoses can open doors to early intervention programs, rehabilitation therapies and educational interventions for affected patients that help them live with few limitations; and
- WHEREAS: Hydrocephalus Awareness Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness of this condition and to focus on efforts to improve the lives of those living with hydrocephalus. During this time, we join organizations including the Hydrocephalus Association – Georgia Chapter to recognize those working to find a cure and improve treatment options, as well as those affected by hydrocephalus and their families; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2017 as HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH and September 16, 2017, as HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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